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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Anticipated Classification  
of this Application:

Attorney Docket No.: F-118

Class:

Date: April 17, 2000

Subclass:

Prior Application:

Group Art Unit: 2761

Examiner: Jamara Franklin

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial number 09/224,256, filed on December 30, 1998, by Richard W. Heiden, et al. for POSTAGE PRINTING SYSTEM HAVING SUBSIDIZED PRINTING OF THIRD PARTY MESSAGES.

1. Attached is a copy of the prior application, including the specification, claims, drawings and declaration and power of attorney as originally filed.
2. Cancel in this application original claim(s) 2-23 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee for this application. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

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3. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee							\$ 690.00
Claims Fee	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		
Total Claims	22	- 20 =	2	X	\$18.00	=	\$ 36.00
Independent Claims	4	- 3 =	1	X	\$78.00	=	\$ 78.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$260.00	=	\$
Total Filing Fee							\$ 804.00

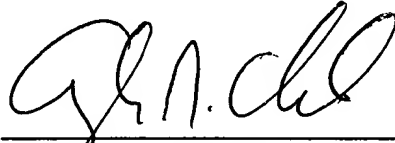
4. Please charge our Deposit Account Number **16-1885** in the amount of \$ 804.00 for the filing fee.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. **16-1885**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. The prior application is assigned of record to Pitney Bowes Inc.
7. A preliminary amendment of this application is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
8. Address all future communications to:

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9. I hereby verify that the attached application is a true copy of prior application serial number as originally filed on December 30, 1998.

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his/her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so much are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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Richard W. Heiden, et al. ) Group Art Unit:

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Title: POSTAGE PRINTING SYSTEM HAVING SUBSIDIZED PRINTING OF  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Certificate Of Mailing By Express Mail, Request For Filing A Continuation Application Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b); Patent Application consisting of twenty-two (22) pages, four (4) sheets of drawings, Declaration and Power of Attorney was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on April 17, 2000. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EJ706017961US.

Respectfully submitted,

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